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FOR: Method for Using Software Products that are Offered Via a Network

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SIR:

In response to the office action dated July 16, 2002, please reconsider the rejection of claims in the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application.

The Rejections of Claims 1-14 as Anticipated by Halpern et al.

Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by US patent 6,282,711 to Halpern et al. (hereinafter "Halpern")

In reply, the applicants submit that the examiner errs in his asserting that the method of claims 1-14 is taught by the disclosure of the Halpern et al. patent. Applicants assert that the reference does not disclose all the steps of the process claimed in claims 1-14.

Features of the invention defined by independent claim 1 include:

"inquiring about a software product from an offer server by a user via a